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SUBJECT: PROPOSED SALE OF TANK CONVERSION KITS TO REPUBLIC
OF KOREA

REF: STATE 72947

1. AS NOTED REFTTEL, CONGRESS WAS FORMALLY NOTIFIED ON
APRIL 21 OF A PROPOSED LETTER OF OFFER FOR THE SALE OF TANK
CONVERSION KITS TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA. IN ACCORDANCE
WITH SECTION 36(B) OF THE ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT, AS
AMENDED, THE QUOTE LETTER OF OFFER SHALL NOT BE ISSUED IF
THE CONGRESS, WITHIN THIRTY CALENDAR DAYS AFTER
RECEIVING SUCH CERTIFICATION, ADOPTS A CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION STATING THAT IT OBJECTS TO THE PROPOSED SALE
UNQUOTE.

2. FOLLOWING ARE PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS OF AN UNCLASSIFIED
POLICY JUSTIFICATION WHICH ACCOMPANIED THE NOTIFICATION
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TO THE CONGRESS: QUOTE THE PROPOSED SALE OF 416 TANK
CONVERSION KITS WOULD ENABLE THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO
INSTALL DIESEL ENGINES AND IMPROVE THE FIRE CONTROL SYSTEM
ON 416 MODEL M48A1 TANKS PREVIOUSLY PURCHASED FROM THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. THE RECONFIGURED TANKS,

DESIGNATED AS M48A3S, WOULD CONTINUE TO USE THE 90MM GUN

NOW INSTALLED ON THE A1 MODEL TANKS. THE DELIVERY OF THE
CONVERSION KITS WOULD BE PHASED OVER A FOUR-YEAR PERIOD.

THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA HAS EMBARKED ON A FIVE-YEAR
FORCE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND THE MODERNIZATION OF ITS
TANK FORCE IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS PLAN. THE M48A3
TANKS WOULD PROVIDE THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA GROUND
FORCES WITH AN IMPROVED ARMOR CAPABILITY TO ASSIST
THE ROKG TO COUNTER THE STRONG COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGE IN
ARMOR WHICH NORTH KOREA NOW HAS. THE SALE WOULD NOT
RESULT IN THE ASSIGNMENT OF ANY ADDITIONAL AMERICAN
MILITARY OR CIVILIAN PERSONNEL OVERSEAS. UNQUOTE.

3. AS APPROPRIATE, EMBASSY MAY INFORM HOST GOVERNMENT
OF THIS NOTIFICATION.

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